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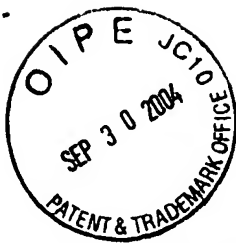
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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. A search report from the European Patent Office;
3. Form PTO-1449 with copies of documents listed therein; and
4. Postcard acknowledging receipt of same.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Supplementing the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 29, 2004, Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of five U.S. patents and two European patents are enclosed. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Each item of information was first cited in a communication received from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

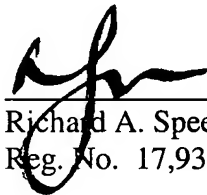
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Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of the European search report, Applicant believes there is no filing fee. However, if there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019.

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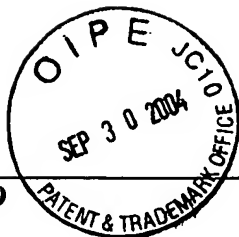


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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 5,427,074	6/27/95				5/17/94
	US 6,276,342 B1	8/21/01				8/9/99
	US 6,371,153 B1	4/16/02				3/16/01
	US 5,197,444	3/30/93				9/4/91
	US 6,457,459 B1	10/1/02				10/18/00

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	EP 1 302 354 A1	4/16/03	EPO			No
	EP 0 629 522 A1	4/21/04	EPO			Abstract

### OTHER DOCUMENTS

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